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SITE NAMES (LISTED IN PRIORITY ORDER)	RANK (12-60)	ACTIONS / RATIONALE
Chris Park Campground	59	No change.
Cayton Campground	58	No change.
Little Molas Camping Area/Colorado Trail Trailhead	56	<p>Existing travel management regulations allow motor vehicle access from May 1-Nov. 30 annually. Non-motorized access allowed year-round.</p> <p>Toilet at trailhead to be operated with reduced service frequency and it will be open as in past years from snowmelt to mid-September then locked for season as summer staff are laid off. The toilet within the camping loop would be removed with users directed to the nearby Colorado TH toilet.</p> <p>As a result of this analysis the Colorado Trailhead and the Little Molas Camping Area will be separated administratively within our facility database to reduce confusion and capture more accurate costs for each site.</p>
Chimney Rock National Monument	55	Capital improvement project funded in 2016 - specifics to be determined. Proposed projects would remove \$160,000 of deferred maintenance in addition to providing new improvements. Site improvements are being designed to minimize long-term maintenance/operating costs.
Target Tree Campground	54	No change.
Palisades Horse Camp Campground	54	Install new horse corral using revenue from Concessionaire fees.
Williams Creek Trailhead	54	No change.
Mavreeso Campground	53	No change.

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West Dolores Campground	53	No change.
Junction Creek Campground	53	No change.
Vallecito Campground	53	No change.
Teal Campground	52	No change.
West Fork Campground	52	Replace 12 tables and fire rings
West Fork Trailhead	52	Remove toilet.
North Canyon Campground	52	No change.
Pine Point Campground	52	No change.
Cross Mountain Trailhead	51	No change.
Transfer Campground	51	No change.
Transfer Horse Camp	51	No change.

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Transfer Trailhead	51	CPW OHV funds will assist in operations.
Navajo Lake Trailhead	50	No change. Comment from Dolores BOCC member indicated a need for a toilet at this trailhead.
Williams Creek Campground	50	Replace/repair 12 sites picnic tables and fire grills. Remove dump station.
Wolf Creek Interpretive Site	50	No change.
Graham Creek Campground	50	No change.
Haviland Lake Boating Site	50	No change.
Haviland Lake Campground	50	No change.
Transfer Park Campground	50	No change.
Bear Creek Trailhead	49	Toilet servicing reduced to once every two weeks.

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Roaring Fork Trailhead	49	No physical changes to site. Reduced development scale in INFRA database; operating costs in that database are now more accurate for future planning purposes.
House Creek Boating Site	49	Facility could be operated in part by campground concessionaire already on site, by volunteers, or other local partnership model. Any of these options would increase operational cost effectiveness as compared to FS operating alone. Consider Concession operations as appropriate in future.
Andrews Lake Fishing Site	49	Install gate at primary access road to control motor vehicle access to open season per travel management rules (June 1-Nov. 30). Site open season unaffected. Remaining toilet to be open and serviced weekly from May- mid-September as in years past. Damaged upper toilet will be removed and trash service eliminated. Convert composting toilet in lower loop to sealed vault type, lowering long term costs. Clean lower toilet once per week instead of multiple times a week. Initial costs estimated at \$20,000 for toilet conversion and \$3,000 for gate.
Florida Campground	49	No change.
Lower Hermosa Trailhead/ Dispersed Campground	49	Camping area to be converted from a dispersed camping area to a Concession-operated fee campground. Host site to be installed with sewage vault for camp host. No electrical or water system will be installed. Implementation costs (\$8,000) are for host sewage vault and installing missing tables, grills, site posts, and other required features to convert to fee campground. A new toilet would be installed in the future if fee revenue and campground occupancy dictate. Appropriated FS recreation funding required to manage this site would be reduced by 65%. The trailhead component of the site would remain unchanged. Sites to be administratively separated within facilities database to more accurately reflect each site's costs (TH and Campground).
McPhee Boating Site	48	Facility could be operated in part by campground concessionaire already on site, by volunteers, or other partnership opportunities. Any of these options would decrease use of FS appropriated funding for operations and maintenance.

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McPhee Campground	48	No change.
Teal Boat Ramp	48	Replace boat dock and ramp.
Jersey Jim Lookout Recreation Rental	48	Currently operated by Jersey Jim Association.
Rico Information Station	48	Currently operated by volunteers.
Coyote Hill Trailhead	48	No physical changes to site. Reduced development scale in INFRA database; site operating costs now more accurately reflected in database for future planning uses.
Middle Mountain Campground	48	No change.
South Mineral Campground	48	No change.
Ice Lakes (South Mineral) Trailhead	48	No physical changes to site. Reduced development scale in INFRA database; site operating costs now more accurately reflected in database for future planning uses. Site is grouped with South Mineral Campground in facility database.
Vallecito Lake Trailhead	48	No physical changes to site. Reduced development scale in INFRA database; site operating costs now more accurately reflected in database for future planning uses.

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Barlow Trailhead	47	Rico volunteers will continue to be utilized to assist with operations, reducing costs.
Priest Gulch Trailhead	47	CPW OHV funds will assist in operations.
Junction Creek Trailhead	47	Assumption is that maintenance partnership will continue in near term with volunteers continuing to provide toilet servicing. If volunteers cease working, place this site under site maintenance partnership. If volunteers/partnership model does not persist, remove toilet/backfill and store toilet for future use. One time cost of removal of toilet would be \$15,000.
Pine River Campground	47	No change.
Pine River Trailhead	47	No change.
Boggy Draw Trailhead	46	No change.
Calico Trailhead	46	Rico volunteers will utilized, reducing operating costs.
Kilpacker Trailhead	46	No change.
Lower Stoner Trailhead	46	CPW OHV funds assist in operations.

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Blanco River Group Campground	46	Replace 2 tables and 2 grills.
East Fork Campground	46	Remove 1 hand-pump water system. Replace twelve tables/grills.
Lower Piedra Campground	46	No change.
Treasure Falls Observation Site	45	Repair Mist Deck observation platform.
Dry Canyon Fishing Site	45	Reduce toilet pumping to once per three years. Recruit volunteer support for routine toilet servicing.
House Creek Campground	45	Current occupancy rates suggest that using gates to restrict use within one or more camping loops would not adversely affect camping opportunities at the site. This action would be reversible if occupancy rates increased over time.
Opal Lake Trailhead	45	No physical changes to site. Reduced development scale in INFRA database; site operating costs now more accurately reflected in database for future planning uses.
Piedra River Trailhead	45	No change.
Kroeger Campground	45	No change.

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Snowslide Campground	45	No change.
Transfer Park Trailhead	45	No change.
Aspen Loop OHV Trail Trailhead	44	CPW OHV funds assist in operations
Burro Bridge Campground	44	No change.
Bridge Campground	44	Repair parking/camping areas for 12 sites.
Fourmile Trailhead	44	No change.
Piedra Falls Trailhead	44	Install toilet removed from Middle Fork TH at this site (estimated one-time cost of \$10,000).
Turkey Springs Trailhead	44	No change.
Purgatory Flats Trailhead	44	No physical changes to site. Reduced development scale in INFRA database; site operating costs now more accurately reflected in database for future planning uses.

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First Fork Trailhead	43	No change.
Miller Creek Campground	43	No change.
Upper Hermosa Trailhead	43	Reduce cleaning frequency for site and toilet for summers of 2016-2017. Upon completion of the Hermosa Plan in 2017, consider removal of the restroom, tables and grills if not in conflict with decisions made within that plan. Any irreversible actions will be deferred until the Hermosa Plan is finalized. Regardless, the need for long-term/sustainable access to the upper terminus of the Hermosa Trail is recognized.
Molas Pass Interpretive Site	42	Key stakeholders have express an interest in developing a site maintenance partnership. If the Partnership is developed and implemented the toilet would be operational under this partnership. The toilet will not be operational without the partnership. FS operating costs for this site would be reduced by nearly 60% under this scenario. Remove toilet if long-term partnership is not in place by January 1, 2018. Interpretive information, parking, and other site features would remain in place regardless of toilet status.
Chicken Creek Trailhead	42	CPW OHV funds assist in operations.
Sharkstooth Trailhead	42	No physical changes to site. Reduced development scale in INFRA database; site operating costs now more accurately reflected in database for future planning uses.
West Mancos Trailhead	42	CPW OHV funds assist in operations.
Willow Divide OHV Trail Trailhead	42	CPW OHV funds assist in operations.

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Cimarrona Campground	42	No change.
San Juan Overlook Observation Site	42	No change. However, CDOT is considering changes to this segment of Hwy 160. Future actions/management of this site will be dependent (in part) on future CDOT decisions/actions.
Haviland Trailhead	42	No physical changes to site. Reduced development scale in INFRA database; site operating costs now more accurately reflected in database for future planning uses.
Can Do Trailhead	41	Concessionaire typically deals with any trailhead issues as the trailhead is attached to a campground.
Dolores Fishing Site	41	Site accessible via county and forest roads.
Gold Run Trailhead	41	Bathrooms cleaning reduced to once every two weeks
Jackson Mountain Trailhead	41	No physical changes to site. Reduced development scale in INFRA database; site operating costs now more accurately reflected in database for future planning uses.
Poison Park Trailhead	41	No change.
Big Al Trailhead	40	Reduce service frequency. Limited change foreseen due to this trail being an ADA compliant trail and it does require regular maintenance to ensure it meets accessibility standards.

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Doc Lowell Trailhead	40	CPW OHV funds assist in operations
Middle Fork Trailhead	40	Remove toilet (\$5,000). Toilet removal would not affect the hiking/non-motorized trail access opportunity the site provides.
Log Chutes Trailhead	40	No physical changes to site. Reduced development scale in INFRA database; site operating costs now more accurately reflected in database for future planning uses.
Aspen Guard Station	39	Current partners and concessionaires are interested in operations of guard station as a rental in the future. Funding for maintenance currently being pursued via Heritage program sources. The \$2,000 one-time investment would be to address health and safety issues prior to public rental.
Piedra Picnic Site	37	No change. After considering comments from Hinsdale County, downsizing the number of picnic units was dropped from consideration.
Elbert Creek Trailhead	38	No change.
Miller Creek Boating Site	38	No change.
Fish Creek Trailhead	37	No physical changes to site. Reduced development scale in INFRA database; site operating costs now more accurately reflected in database for future planning uses.
Sheep Creek Trailhead	37	No physical changes to site. Reduced development scale in INFRA database; site operating costs now more accurately reflected in database for future planning uses.

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Kennebec Pass Interpretive Site	36	Once current interpretive signs reach end of life (i.e. too faded, damaged, etc.), remove signs. Cost for eventual removal are two GS-4 staff for 8 hours, plus equipment and waste disposal fees.
Echo Basin Trailhead	36	No physical changes to site. Reduced development scale in INFRA database; site operating costs now more accurately reflected in database for future planning uses.
Glade Guard Station Cabin/Lookout Rental	36	Current partners and concessionaires interested in operating site as a recreation rental under permit. Heritage funding for maintenance currently being pursued.
Buckles Lake Trailhead	36	Remove toilet (\$5,000 one-time cost).
Ute Campground	36	Remove 4 underutilized campsites. Close upper loop but don't decommission. If camping demand rises due to CRNM visitation, consider reopening closed loop and upgrading toilet facilities.
Clear Creek Trailhead	36	No change.
Durango Hills Trailhead	36	No change.
South Mineral Camping Areas	36	Primary plan is partial decommissioning - evaluate what part, if any, of current dispersed camping areas are in the 100 year flood plain and decommission what is determined to be in flood plain for public safety reasons. Reduce operating (open) season to Memorial to Labor day. Reduce trash clean up and restroom cleaning from twice a week to once a week, reducing FS annual operating costs for this site by nearly 50%. Dependent on outcome of floodplain survey, consider converting the dispersed sites to Hosted/designated campgrounds with required improvements and charge fees under the Concession program. All of these options may be limited or adjusted based on decisions stemming from a public planning process for Travel

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		Management (TM). The TM process is to be initiated in fall of 2018 or spring of 2019. Relevant decisions from that Plan would be considered in relation to RSA recommendations to ensure they do not conflict.
Big Bend Fishing Site	35	Site accessible via county and forest roads.
Leche Creek Trailhead	33	No change.
Coal Bank Interpretive Site	33	Key stakeholders have express an interest in developing a site maintenance partnership. If partnership is developed and implemented the toilet would be operational under this partnership. The toilet will not be operational without the partnership. FS operating costs for this site would be reduced by nearly 60% under this scenario. Remove toilet if long-term partnership is not in place by January 1, 2018. Interpretive information, parking, and other site features would remain in place regardless of toilet status.
Old Lime Creek Road Fishing Site	33	Remove toilet and fire rings. Seasonal crews would continue to visit site once or twice a season to address cleanup issues.
East Hermosa Interpretive Site	32	Remove interpretive sign. This would essentially decommission the site as it has no other constructed features.
East Fork Road	30	No physical changes to site. Reduced development scale in INFRA database; site operating costs now more accurately reflected in database for future planning uses.
Silver Falls Trailhead	30	No change.

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Sig Creek Campground	30	Decommission site. This action would remove a fee site on the San Juan NF. The restroom would be removed along with the tables, grills, site posts, and other site features while closing the well per State requirement. Estimated cost to decommission is \$28,000. This is a low occupancy site with significant deferred maintenance and design flaws that are being exacerbated by lack of use and maintenance.
Sand Creek Trailhead	29	No physical changes to site. Reduced development scale in INFRA database; site operating costs now more accurately reflected in database for future planning uses.
Animas Overlook Picnic Site	29	Remove toilet if current partnership for toilet servicing ends. In that case, clean toilet and site once a week until restroom is removed. It is estimated servicing the toilet is almost half the FS costs for maintenance at site. Once toilet is removed, annual maintenance visits would be reduced to 2x/month.
Upper Lemon Fishing Site	29	Close site but do not remove facilities permanently at this time. Depending on results of site closure (i.e. we observe minimal adverse resource impacts) then remove toilet. The toilet is a CXT modular unit and thus it can be removed and stored, while the vault would be pumped and back filled in place. One time cost of removal of toilet would be \$15,000. If restroom is not removed due to resource concerns, toilet servicing would be reduced to once per week during the summer season and projected cost savings would be reduced accordingly.
Coal Creek Trailhead	28	No change.
Lime Creek Burn Interpretive Site	28	No change.
Sage Hen Fishing Site	23	Decommission toilet if potential partnership with Montezuma County or other organization to share operating costs does not materialize. Toilet removal cost estimated at \$10,000. Toilet is not critical to providing the site's recreation opportunity – fishing and lake access.
La Plata City Dispersed Campground	21	Install a gate at campground entrance to limit vehicular access and use to Memorial day to Labor day. Gate installation estimated at \$1,500. Reduce toilet cleaning and site patrols to once per week. Site may still be considered for decommissioning dependent on review of all camping opportunities (Post-RSA) in La Plata Canyon. Management of overnight use in this canyon is

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		problematic with most campers residing there rather than camping for recreation. Any changes in management strategies in the future may dictate this site's ultimate disposition.
Bay City Dispersed Campground	20	Install gate at campground entrance to limit use from Memorial to Labor day holidays. Estimated gate and install expense \$1,500. If final decision is to decommission the site, long term costs go to zero.
Ferris Campground	19	Close without demolition or facility removal, deferring full decommission of site. Decommission water system per state requirements. Low-use site is not economically viable to operate and is not a priority site per site rankings. There may be opportunity to maintain some degree of access or facilities at the site for fishing, etc. in cooperating/partnering with Dolores and/or Montezuma Counties and this is being pursued.
Madden Creek Dispersed Camping	19	Install a gate at campground entrance to limit use from Memorial day to Labor day. Estimated gate and install expense \$1,500. If final decision is to decommission site, long term costs go to zero.
Miner's Cabin Dispersed Camping	19	Install gate at campground entrance to limit operating period from Memorial day to Labor day. Gate installation expense \$1,500. Limit site cleanup and toilet servicing to once per week during operating season. Dependent on RSA decisions at other camping areas in the canyon, this site may be decommissioned if other sites provide adequate camping opportunities.
Olga Little Dispersed Camping	19	This site was decommissioned and all features removed after the 2008 Recreation Facility Analysis. INFRA database has been updated accordingly and operating costs are zero.
Ruby Dispersed Camping	17	Decommission. One time cost is to remove current constructed features plus place boulders to close site and block entrances along with heavy equipment to place boulders.
Lewis Creek Dispersed Camping	15	Reduce service frequency to weekly. If use level and site conditions dictate, decommission site. Cost associated with decommission are two field staff for 8 hours, plus equipment and disposal fees. If decommissioning is not selected annual costs will need to be considered.

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Graham Creek Boat Ramp Boating Site	13	One-time implementation costs are to build a buck and rail fence to stop boat launching at this site. This action would essentially decommission the site. This is in cooperation with State of Colorado to eliminate boat access sites that do not have an invasive species inspection station.
Old Timers Boating Site	13	One-time implementation costs are to build a buck and rail fence to stop boat launching at this site. This action would essentially decommission the site. This is in cooperation with State of Colorado to eliminate boat access sites that do not have an invasive species inspection station.
Old Timers Picnic Site	13	Immediately close and decommission water system/well per Colorado state guidelines. Estimated cost to remove current hand pump and close well is \$600. The restroom would be removed along with the tables, grills, site posts, and other constructed features. Estimated cost to fully decommission is \$12,600. Once fully decommissioned, a fee site would be removed from the San Juan NF.